By: Garcia S.B. No. 2100

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to a study of the fees charged by the Railroad Commission
- 3 of Texas.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the
- 6 Railroad Commission of Texas.
- 7 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The commission shall conduct a
- 8 study to evaluate the ability of the commission to fund its
- 9 operations using fees.
- 10 (b) In conducting the study under Subsection (a) of this
- 11 section, the commission shall:
- 12 (1) identify and evaluate the fees charged by the
- 13 commission;
- 14 (2) identify and evaluate the costs to the commission
- 15 associated with the administration of permits and other programs
- 16 for which the commission charges fees;
- 17 (3) recommend any appropriate changes to the fee
- 18 structure of the commission so that fees charged by the commission
- 19 are sufficient to fund the administration of the program the fees
- 20 are associated with; and
- 21 (4) evaluate the effects of any changes recommended
- 22 under Subdivision (3) of this subsection on the budget of the
- 23 commission.
- SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2018, the

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- 1 commission shall submit to the legislature a written report
- 2 containing the findings of the study conducted under this Act and
- 3 the commission's recommendations for any legislation resulting
- 4 from the study.
- 5 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2019.
- 6 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
- 7 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
- 8 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
- 9 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
- 10 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.